

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 77
By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Carl Randolph Moore, former member of the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Tennessee General Assembly, on the celebration of his 75th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; one such great Tennessean and former colleague is about to celebrate a landmark occasion; and

WHEREAS, Carl Randolph Moore will celebrate his 75th birthday on February 26, 2005, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Earl B. and Janet L. Moore, Carl Moore was born on February 26, 1930, in Appalachia, Virginia; he was raised in Sullivan County, and graduated from Dobyys-Bennett High School in Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, Carl earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a major in Personnel Management from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa; he served in the United States Naval Reserve from 1947-52, and in 1952 he accepted a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army, serving until May of 1954, when he was discharged as a First Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moore began his business career with the S.E. Massengill Company in Bristol, serving as personnel director from 1954-60 and on the board of directors and Vice Chairman of the executive committee from 1960-71, when the company was sold to the Beecham Group of London; and

WHEREAS, Carl Moore quickly developed a number of highly successful interests, demonstrating his considerable business ability and organizational talent; he was the owner of

Lee Garden Apartments and president of Lee Garden Apartments Corporation in Bristol; a managing partner in the Best Western Capitol Park Inn in Nashville; Chairman of the board of directors of Camara Inns, Inc.; chairman of the International Hot Rod Association; Chairman and co-founder of the Bristol Motor Speedway; Vice President of Kingsport Health Care Center; Vice President and Director of Citizens Fidelity Bank in Bristol; member of the board of directors of the Upper East Tennessee Tourism Council; and Chairman of the Bristol Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moore is also a former member and Director of the Executive Committee of the Bank of Virginia-Southwest; Director, Treasurer and President of Twin City Federal Savings and Loan Association in Bristol; a partner in Camara Inn of Kingsport and Johnson City, Tennessee and Petersburg, Virginia; developer and part-owner of Holiday Inns in East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia; developer of the Bristol Hampton Inn; and was an investor in Tri-City Airport in Blountville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moore is a highly respected citizen of Sullivan County and an important member of the Bristol community, where he has been highly involved in civic and charitable organizations and projects; he is or has been involved in the following organizations: a charter member of the East Tennessee State University Foundation in Johnson City; a member of the Bristol Housing Authority Commission; past President of the Bristol Housing Authority Commission; past President, Bristol Chamber of Commerce; board of directors, Bristol Heart Association; past President, Bristol Personnel Club; Bristol Centennial Commission, 1956; board of directors, Tennessee Performing Arts Foundation in Nashville; the Virginia Travel Council; the Tennessee Hotel and Motel Association; the executive board, Sequoyah Council, Boy Scouts of America; the U.S. Navy League; Hackler-Wood Post of the American Legion; University of Alabama Alumni Association; Eagles Club of Kingsport; Lions Club and Elks Club of Bristol; Moose Club of Kingsport; Netherland Inn Association; and Rocky Mount Historical Association; and

WHEREAS, deeply respected by his peers in both business and government, Carl Moore has received numerous honors and awards; he was the recipient of the Outstanding Young Man of the Year Award for 1957 from the Junior Chamber of Commerce; the Executive

of the Year award in 1980 from the Tri-Cities Chapter, Professional Secretaries International; and many more throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, Carl Moore gained the support of his fellow Sullivan County citizens to represent the 1st House District in the 84th and 85th Tennessee General Assemblies from 1965-69 and a few years later to represent Senate District 2 during the 90th-95th General Assemblies from 1977-89. As a Senator, he served astutely as Chairman of the Government Operations and the Commerce, Labor and Agriculture Committees and as a member of the State and Local Government, the Education, the Energy and Natural Resources, and the Finance, Ways and Means Committees; and

WHEREAS, Senator Moore was elected Senate Majority Leader by his party caucus, and he conscientiously worked in cooperation with Democratic Party leaders and members to formulate unified policy on important legislative matters and maintained excellent relations with members of the House of Representatives through his demonstrated intelligence, probity, and equanimity; and

WHEREAS, Senator Moore was the primary sponsor of several pieces of legislation dealing with the Arts, Culture and History, he served as Chairman of the Arts, Tourism, and Cultural Resources Committee of the national Conference of State Legislatures in 1985-86, and was an advocate of consumer-oriented issues, mental health issues and environmental concerns; Governor Ned McWherter appointed him to a six-year term on the Board of Regents where he served astutely from 1988-94; and

WHEREAS, for several years, Carl Moore has served with great acumen and alacrity as a contract lobbyist in the firm of Farris, Mathews, Branan & Hellen, in which position he enjoys the respect of his peers as well as the members of the General Assembly for the exemplary quality of his work; he continues to be held in great affection by those with whom he served, remembering his appellation of "Stretch" and his long reign as the "Luau King"; and

WHEREAS, his lengthy career aside, Carl Moore is fortunate to enjoy the love and support of his wife, Elliot Davis Moore; he is the proud father of Janet Lynn; Cynthia Lenoir; Dana Elizabeth, who served in the Tennessee House of Representatives while her father was

serving in the Senate; and Carl Randolph "Randy" Moore, Jr.; he is the doting grandfather of Tyler, Courtney, Keaton, and Kaden; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Carl Randolph Moore, Sr., on the celebration of his 75th birthday, thank him for years of cherished friendship, praise him for three quarters of a century of living in service to his community and State, and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.